

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO AMCONSUL PALERMO  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4099  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC  
SUBJECT: ALLEN, NORMAN RAMSEY

REF: PALERMO 0778

1. SUBJECT APPEARED AT CONSULAR SECTION BONN ON 20 OCT.  
CLAIMING THAT BACKPACK AND TRAVELERS CHECKS HAD BEEN  
LOST ON TRAIN PREVIOUS NIGHT AND LOSS REPORTED TO POLICE.  
CONOFF ARRANGED FOR SHELTER AND FOOD AT CARITAS HEIM IN  
BONN FOR ALLEN FROM OCTOBER 20 - 28, WHILE UNSUCCESSFUL  
EFFORTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

2. ALLEN GAVE NAME OF FATHER IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE.  
ALLEN CLAIMED THAT MOTHER WAS DEAD. EMBASSY PANAMA  
HAD NO CURRENT RECORDS OF FATHER AND PANAMA CANAL  
COMPANY HAD NO RECORDS OF FATHER BEING CURRENTLY  
EMPLOYED. ALLEN MENTIONED FRIENDS NAMES, BUT DEPT  
EFFORTS TO CONTACT THESE FRIENDS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.  
ALLEN DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION THE NAME OF OLDER BROTHER.  
ALLEN MENTIONED POSSIBLE FRIEND IN ROME, BUT REFUSED  
TO DISCLOSE DETAILS. ALLEN CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ON  
THE WAY TO NEPAL AND HOPED TO CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY VIA  
ITALY.

3. CONOFF CABLED AMERICAN EXPRESS AT 251 POST ST.,  
SAN FRANCISCO, FOR TRAVELERS CHECKS SERIAL NUMBERS.  
WHEN NUMBERS WERE SENT TO AMEXCO BONN AND REFUND GIVEN,  
ALLEN CLAIMED THAT HE PURCHASED TWO BATCHES OF CHECKS  
AND AMEXCO SAN FRANCISCO HAD SENT ONLY THE NUMBERS OF  
THE CHECKS IN THE FIRST PURCHASE. ALLEN REFUSED

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CONSULATE SUGGESTION THAT HE CLARIFY SITUATION WITH

AMEXCO BONN AND STATED THAT HE WOULD GET REFUND AT ANOTHER AMEXCO OFFICE ALONG HIS TRAVEL ROUTE FOR THE SECOND BATCH OF CHECKS. WHEN ALLEN REQUESTED MAKE PAYMENT FOR FOOD AND SHELTER AT CARITAS HEIM FROM THE REFUND MONEY, HE INITIALLY REFUSED, BUT AFTER PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS OF CONOFF, HE SETTLED BILL IN FULL.

4. DURING INTERVIEWS OF ALLEN TO DEVELOP POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDS, ALLEN INITIALLY CLAIMED THAT HE WAS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER. WHEN EMPLOYER'S NAME WAS REQUESTED, IT APPEARED THAT ALLEN HAD NOT RPT NOT WORKED FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS AND HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING SSI BENEFITS AT LAST KNOWN ADDRESS (CLAYTON HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO), DUE TO A "PSYCHOLOGICAL INABILITY TO WORK". MOST OF THE LEADS DEVELOPED WITH ALLEN WERE EITHER OUT OF DATE OR INCONSISTENT. PERIODICALLY, ALLEN WOULD PULL OTHER LEADS AND NAMES FROM HIS HAT, BUT NONE PANNED OUT. ALLEN INITIALLY WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT REPATRIATION LOANS WERE A SIMPLE PROCESS, BUT DECIDED TO MOVE ON FROM BONN WHEN HE DISCOVERED OTHERWISE.

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